റാവുസാഹിബ്ബ് എം. എം. പോൾ:

(എ) ഓരോ റസ്റ്റാറണ്ടിന്നും അതാതിന്റെ ന്യായമായ ആവശ്യമനുസരിച്ചുള്ള രക്ഷ്യ സാധനങ്ങളും പരിതസ്ഥിതി അനുസരിച്ചു ആവശ്യമാണെന്നു തോന്നുന്ന സ്ഥലങ്ങളിൽ സ്ഥലവാടകയുടെ തോതനുസരിച്ചു ഒരുഭേശം അതിനു തുല്യമായ സഹായധനവും കൊടുക്കുന്നുണ്ടു്.

(ബി) ഒരു കൊല്ലത്തിൽ ആകെ ഫർണ്ണിച്ചർ രക്ഷ്യ. സഹായധനമായി കൊടുക്കുന്നുണ്ടു്.

(സി) ഇല്ല.

S. S. L. C. EXAMINATION—NEEDLE-WORK

293. Mr. M. O. Thomakutty *(Commerce and Industry):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) is Needle-work one of the optional subjects for the S.S.L.C. Examination;

(*b*) when was this optional introduced;

(*c*) are students who pass S.S.L.C. Examination with Needle-work as optional, eligible for College admission;

(*d*) it not, why;

(*e*) was timely instruction given to the students who had taken up Needle-work as optional in the last S.S LC. Examination to the effect that they would not be eligible for Col ege admissions;

(*f*) will a copy of the circular, if any, be placed on the Council table?

Mr. P. Sankaran Nambiyar *(Director of Public Instruction):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Ever since the introduction of S.S.L.C. Examination in the State.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) The University does not allow this.

(*e*) Yes. The revised S.S.L.C. syllabus wherein Needle-work is not a "University eligible" subject was circulated long before the examination and known to all the Heads of High Schools.

(*f*) In the light of the above no circular was issued from this Office. The Registrar of the Madras University has, however been addressed in the matter to see that pupils with Needle-work optionals may also be allowed to be admitted in the University classes.

X-RAY DEPARTMENT—COLLECTION OF FEES FROM PATIENTS

294. Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) is there a practice in the General Hospital of collecting fees from the patients who seek help of the X-ray department and the Bacteriological Department;

(*b*) what is the rate at which the fees are collected;

(*c*) are the Medical Officer and the staff given any portion of collection, if so, in what proportion;

(*d*) what is the pay of the medical men attached to these departments;

(*e*) why are they alone given this special treatment;

(*f*) what is the average monthly income of each of the staff derived from this service;

(*g*) what is the collection from each of these departments?

Rao Sahib C. J. Mathew *(Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) Yes. From patients whose income is Rs. 50 and above per month.

(*b*) The rate at which the fees are collected from each department is placed on the table.

(*c*) No portion of the collection from the Bacteriological Department is given to the staff.

50 per cent of the collection from the X-ray Department is distributed as remuneration to the Radiographic staff. The amount which is distributed is according to the rate shown below.—

Radiologist	45 per cent
Sub-Assistant Surgeon	22½ ,,
Photographic Assistant	10 ,,
Nurses	15 ,,
Ward Attendant	7½ ,,

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	Rs.
(*d*) *Bacteriological Department.*	
Laboratory Specialist	125—200/175
Asst. to do.	60—120/ 60
X-Ray Department.	
Radiologist	125—200/135
Sub-Assistant Surgeon	60—120/ 80

(*e*) The men working in the X-ray Department are classed in "Dangerous occupation" category. It is the usual practice everywhere to consider them as such and give them enhanced pay, better facilties for leave, etc. It is because of the inherent risk in this occupation that X-ray men are charged enhanced premium by Insurance Companies. They run a continuous risk daily in handling high voltage machines, not to speak of the cumulative destructive action of X-rays and gama radiation in spite of all the protective devices known to science.

(*f*) The average monthly income calculated on the last three years is as follows.—

	Rs
Radiologist	114—10—0
Sub-Assistant Surgeon	57—5—0
Photographic Assistant	23—12—0
Nurses	35—10—0
Ward Attendant	17—13—0
(*g*) *X-Ray Department*	
For the year 1119	6,944—8—0
1120	9,383—4—0
1121 (ten months)	11,310—4—0
Bacteriological Department	
For the year 1119	4,394—4—0
1120	4,317—8—0
1121 (ten months)	4,969—12—0

Mr. A. Eachara Menon (*Chittur-Tattamangalam*): Is not dealing with bacteria and other infectious and dangerous diseases risky?

Rao Sahib C. J. Mathew (*Secretary to Government*): It may be risky.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon (*Chittur-Tattamangalam*): Do the Government know that the pay of the bacteriologist in the British part is higher than what is paid here?

Rao Sahib C. J. Mathew (*Secretary to Government*): The pay of all officers in British India is greater than here.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon (*Chittur-Tattamangalam*): Do the Government know that there they have increased the pay of the bacteriologist because of this?

Rao Sahib C. J. Mathew (*Secretary to Government*): I do not know the basic pay of the bacteriologists there.

Mr. K. A. Raghavan (*Nominated*): May I know how far these 2 departments are dealing in Madras?

Rao Sahib C. J. Mathew (*Secretary to Government*): About the conditions in Madras I have no information.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (*Vadakkancheri*): When was the commission system started?

Rao Sahib C. J. Mathew (*Secretary to Government*): We cannot call it a commission. A portion of the collection was paid to them as a remuneration. I think that this practice was started from the very beginning.

Mr. K. T. Achyutan (*Ezhuvas Mukundapuram*): May I know whether fees are collected from all people, rich or poor?

Rao Sahib C. J. Mathew (*Secretary to Government*): It is stated in the answer, that it is collected only from patients whose income is Rs. 50 and above per month.

Mr. P. K. Dewer (*Nominated*): May I know, Sir, whether Government will ascertain that this system exists anywhere else in India?

Rao Sahib C. J. Mathew (*Secretary to Government*): This particular type of work is considered risky everywhere.

Mr. P. K. Dewer (*Nominated*). That was not my question. My question was whether the system of giving commission which naturally would stand against the poor classes is obtaining in Madras and other places.

Rao Sahib C. J. Mathew (*Secretary to Government*): I do not know what is the system in Madras.

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Mr. P. K. Dewer *(Nominated):* By this system is there not a danger of the radiologist refusing to take photograph of the poor people?

Rao Sahib C. J. Mathew *(Secretary to Government):* Absolutely no such complaint has come.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know whether the staff of the X-Ray department are the same persons who were there from the very start of the X-Ray plant?

Rao Sahib C. J. Mathew *(Secretary to Government):* No.

Mr. P. K. Dewer *(Nominated):* May I know Sir, why this difference in the case of the radiologist and the sub-assistant surgeon—while the radiologist is given 45 per cent of the collection the sub-assistant is given only 22½ per cent?

Rao Sahib C. J. Mathew (*Secretary to Government*: It is the radiologist who attends to most of the work there.

Mr. P. K. Dewer *(Nominated):* He does only half the work.

Rao Sahib C. J. Mathew (*Secretary to Government*): Probably not even half the work is attended to by the sub-assistant surgeon.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എ. രാഘവൻ: റേഡിയോളോജിസ്റ്റ് ഏതെല്ലാം തരത്തിലുള്ള ജോലിക ളാണ് ചെയ്യുന്നത്?

റാവുസാഹിബ് സി. ജെ. മാത്യു: അതിവിടെ പറഞ്ഞിട്ടുണ്ട്.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എ. രാഘവൻ: അങ്ങിനെയാണെങ്കിൽ Laboratory യിൽ ഭയങ്കരവ്യാ ധികളായ കഷ്ടം, പ്ലേഗ്, മുതലായ രോഗികളുടെ കഫം, രക്തം മുതലായത് പരിശോധിക്ക ന്നതിൽ റിസ്കില്ലേ?

റാവുസാഹിബ് സി. ജെ. മാത്യു: റിസ്ക്കുണ്ട്.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എ. രാഘവൻ: അവർക്കും ഇതനുവദിച്ചു കൊടുത്തുകൂടെ?

റാവുസാഹിബ് സി. ജെ. മാത്യു: അതാണ പറഞ്ഞത്. മദിരാശിയിൽ എ ങ്ങ നെ എന്ന നോക്കി അതുപോലെ ഇവർക്കും കൊടുക്കാം.

മിസ്റ്റർ എം. ഐ. പോൾ: ലാബറട്ടറിയിലുള്ള സ്റ്റാഫിനു കൊടുക്കുന്നുണ്ടോ?

റാവുസാഹിബ് സി. ജെ. മാത്യു: കൊടുക്കുന്നില്ല.

Mr. P. K. Dewer *(Nominated):* May I know Sir, whether Government are paying similar extra pay for those who are working in the electricity department of the State? The profession there must be more dangerous.

Rao Sahib C. J. Mathew (*Secretary to Government*): No.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know Sir, what is the name of the present radiologist?

Rao Sahib C. J. Mathew (*Secretary to Government*): Dr. Joseph.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Is there one Mr. Koshi Mathew there?

Rao Sahib C. J. Mathew *(Secretary to Government):* He has retired.

ഡാക്ടർ മിസ്സിസ്സ് ടി. ഫ്രാൻസിസ്സ്: X-ray ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെണ്ടിൽ ഇങ്ങിനെയുള്ള അല വൻസു കൊടുക്കാറുണ്ടോ?

റാവുസാഹിബ് സി. ജെ. മാത്യു: എനിക്കറിവില്ല. അന്വേഷിച്ചു പറയാം.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May, I know, Sir whether over and above this 50 per cent commission they are not provided with free quarters in the hospital compound?

Rao Sabib C. J. Mathew (*Secretary to Government*): No.

ഡാക്ടർ മിസ്സിസ്സ് ടി. ഫ്രാൻസിസ്സ്: ബാക്കിരിയോളജിസ്റ്റിനു private practice പാ ടുണ്ടോ?

റാവുസാഹിബ് സി. ജെ. മാത്യു: private practice ഇല്ല. It depends upon their individual merit.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* What are the working hours of the X-Ray department?

Rao Sahib C. J. Mathew (*Secretary to Government*): The usual hours are up to 12 O'clock in the morning.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* And they are allowed private practice also so that their income will be the basic salary plus private practice plus 50 per cent commission?

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Rao Sahib C. J. Mathew (*Secretary to Government*) : Yes.

Mr. P. K. Dewer (*Nominated*) : May I know Sir. whether during these 3 years there was not difficulty to get sufficient number of films ?

Rao Sahib C. J. Mathew (*Secretary to Government*) : Yes. There were difficulties to get films.

Mr. P. K. Dewer (*Nominated*) : So the amount that is shown here is the smallest amount that they get through these source.

Rao Sahib C. J. Mathew (*Secretary to Government*) : I cannot say that.

Mr. M. I. Paul (*Narakkal*) : May I know, whether the work in the laboratory is as risky as in the X-Ray department ?

Rao Sahib C. J. Mathew (*Secretary to Government*) : I do not think it is more risky.

Mr. M. I. Paul (*Narakkal*) : What is the work in the laboratory ?

Rao Sahib C. J. Mathew (*Secretary to Government*) : Examination of sputum, blood, urine and other things ?

Mr. M. I. Paul (*Narakkal*) : Of so many dangerous diseases ?

Rao Sahib C. J. Mathew (*Secretary to Government*) : Yes.

Mr. Parambi Lonappen (*Irinjalakkuda*) : Sir, in answer to question (c) it has been mentioned 50 per cent of the collection from the X-ray department in distributed as remunaration to the Radiographic staff. May I know what will be the approximate amount each one will be getting per month

Rao Sahib C. J. Mathew (*Secretary to Government*) : The figures are given there in answer to (*f*).

SECRETARY, LAND MORTGAGE BANK—CASUAL LEAVE

295. Mr. C. R Iyyunni (*Nellayi*) : Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the authority to whom the application for casual leave of the Secretary, Land Mortgage Bank, is to be sent ;

(*b*) is there a rule regarding the same ;

(*c*) if so, is the rule strictly adhered to ?

Rao Sahib C. J. Mathew (*Secretary to Government*) :

(*a*) None.

(*b*) The rule is that Heads of Deparments can avail themselves of casual leave and send half-yearly statement of the leave availed of to the Comptroller of Finance and Accounts.

(*c*) Yes.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni (*Nellayi*) : May I know Sir, whether the Secretary of the Land Mortgage Bank is considered to be a Head of Department ?

Rao Sahib C. J. Mathew (*Secretary to Government*) : Yes. He is given the status of a Head of Department.

ARTICLE IN THE "MALABAR MAIL" DATED 6th MITHUNAM 1121

296. Mr. P. K. Dewer (*Nominated*) : Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) if they have seen the article in the "Malabar Mail" dated 6th Mithunam 1121 "കരിഞ്ചന്തയ്ക്ക് കരിഞ്ചന്തയോ";

(*b*) if they have made any enpuiry into the allegations mentioned in the article ;

(*c*) if so, what was the result of the enquiry ?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul (*Director of Food Supplies*) :

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The matter is under investigation.

(*c*) The matter is under investigation.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (*Vadakkancheri*) : What is this matter, Sir? This blackmarket within blackmarket!

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul (*Director of Food Supplies*) : On 28th Edavam 1121 some of the Field Staff suspected some of the Travancoreans carrying paddy across the border. The Field Officer there went and called for the help of some local men to square them. They all came and tried to catch them. It appears other people went to the rescue of these Travancoreans and therefore the field men were not able to catch them. Subsequently it appears that some of the local people wanted to suppress this matter, by raising money from the persons concerned. These were the allegations. The matter is being enquired into.

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